

**DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MANIPULATING AND DISPENSING
MULTIPLE FILAMENTS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A device and method to dispense and manipulate multiple filaments includes at least three plates, each having at least one machined hole designed to accept one or more filaments. Based upon alignment of the machined holes in each of the at least three plates, the plates may be lowered over the top of one or more of the filaments. The position of the plates may be subsequently adjusted with respect to one another so as to secure the filaments in the device without having to individually secure the filaments into the device. Once secured, the filaments may be utilized in a predetermined application of an analytical instrument or dispensing device.

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